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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Merl F. Hoekstra et al.
 Application No. : 09/385,918
 Filed : August 30, 1999
 For : METHODS FOR MODULATING SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION
 MEDIATED BY TGF- β AND RELATED PROTEINS

Examiner : Janet L. Andres, Ph.D.
 Art Unit : 1642
 Docket No. : 860098.433
 Date : September 25, 2000



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 Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated May 23, 2000, from June 23, 2000 to September 23, 2000 (Saturday). Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$435 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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